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Vancouverite Eveline Xia has launched an online campaign to raise awareness of how hard it is for young, middle-class residents to afford to live in a city where the average house costs \$1 million. Xia hopes policy-makers take note of the #DontHave1Million hashtag on Twitter. More coverage in News. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

VPD

Adam Palmer named top cop

The Vancouver Police Board named its new chief constable on Thursday, choosing a 28-year veteran of the force who currently heads the investigations division for the top spot.

Deputy Chief Adam Palmer will replace Jim Chu as chief constable when Chu retires after nearly eight years in charge.

Palmer was chosen over Deputy Chief Doug LePard, who withdrew from the competition to support Palmer, according to a statement from the police board.

Chu said in a statement he is pleased a new chief was chosen internally and thanked LePard for withdrawing to put the "interests of the VPD first."

"I will work with the new chief with the goal of making the transition as smooth and soon as possible," Chu said.

Palmer began his career as a beat cop in 1987 and has since worked in crowd control and organized crime. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Stephen Harper walk together during a visit to the Gurdwara Khalsa Diwan in Vancouver on Thursday. ANDY CLARK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Modi draws cheers, jeers on visit

DIPLOMACY

Indian prime minister greeted with gifts, protest

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi smiled and waved as he entered a Sikh temple in Vancouver with the backdrop of shouting protesters about a block away.

Modi, leader of the majority Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, was given a bright yellow scarf and a kirpan, a ceremonial sword worn by baptized Sikhs.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper received the same gifts during the two leaders' 30-minute visit while several dozen police officers wearing yellow pinnies were stationed outside, with snipers on the temple rooftop.

A protester who said his name was Randeep held a sign saying "Harper shame! Modi is a genocide perpetrator!"

"I'm protesting the Indian PM Modi in Canada. He is a known



I'm protesting the Indian PM Modi in Canada.... His name is the Butcher of Gujarat.

Randeep, protester

butcher. His name is the Butcher of Gujarat," he said, referencing a 2002 riot that resulted in the deaths of hundreds of people, mostly Muslims, while Modi was the chief minister in Gujarat state.

Soon after Modi and Harper arrived at the temple, protesters left for a Hindu temple in Surrey, where the two leaders

were to travel next. Speaking to the crowd at the Ross Street Temple, Harper called Modi "a great admirer and a great friend of Canada," adding that he appreciates the Indian leader's "vision, his character and his capabilities."

"You're here in what many people call the capital of Canada's Sikh community," Harper

said before a gathering of several hundred Sikhs at the temple also known as Gurdwara Khalsa Diwan.

Modi and Harper also toured an adjoining museum dedicated to nearly 400 Indians, mostly Sikhs, who arrived at Vancouver's harbour aboard the Komagata Maru in 1914 in search of a better life in Canada but were denied entry.

"It was an egregious event, which our government has long acknowledged," Harper said. "And for which I have apologized."

Harper issued an apology to about 8,000 people at a Surrey park in 2008 but was criticized for not doing so on the floor of the House of Commons, where the government had apologized two years earlier to the Chinese-Canadian community for a historic head tax.

Modi is wrapping up a three-day visit to Canada to sign trade agreements and has received a mostly warm welcome from Canadians of Indian descent, though his trip to Vancouver was tinged with some tension.

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Researchers offer expertise for new novel



Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

When Alicia Semaka found out her favourite author was writing a book about “inherited neurodegenerative disease and genetic fate,” she knew she had to find a way to lend her expertise.

“I just knew it was about Huntington’s disease,” she told Metro. “I gave a squeal for joy. I was so excited.”

The University of B.C. researcher, a genetic counsellor who has a PhD on Huntington’s disease, or HD, had just finished reading New York Times’ best-selling author Lisa Genova’s third novel *Love Anthony* when

she came across a Q&A with the author at the back of the book mentioning the upcoming project. Semaka immediately felt compelled to reach out to Genova and offer to share her knowledge.

“I just wanted to make sure she got it right,” she said. “It’s a devastating disease. It’s not a pretty disease, so as much as you want to tell the truth, you want to do it with a grain of respect and tact.”

A quick Google search yielded the contact information for Genova’s literary agent and publicist, and soon after the author emailed her back.

“It happened really fast,” she said. “We had a couple of phone conversations and email exchanges, and I just shared with her my experience and knowledge. She was very receptive.”

To help give the author an accurate portrayal of the disease, Semaka said she described “nuanced” facts of HD not easily found in academic textbooks.

One conversation focused on a unique characteristic of HD that continues to perplex scientists: that when HD patients sleep, they don’t have many of the large, involuntary movements they have when they are awake.

“That was a conversation that made it into the book, which I thought that was kind of neat,” she said. “She really helps give a face to Huntington’s disease.”

Semaka, who received an advance edition of the novel, said she hopes the book helps promote awareness of HD as well as genetic counselling, an often-misunderstood profession that aims to help patients understand the medical and psychological implications of genetic diseases.

“There’s probably millions of people who will pick up this book and who have never heard of Huntington’s disease before,” she said. “That’s going to help generate awareness, and that’s a great thing.”



UBC researcher Alicia Semaka lent her knowledge of Huntington’s disease to New York Times bestselling author Lisa Genova when she penned her latest novel *Inside the O’Briens*.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

‘In-flight break-up’ may have caused fatal plane crash

Investigators have determined the cargo plane crash in Vancouver’s North Shore Mountains on Monday that claimed the lives of two pilots was likely caused by an “in-flight break-up.”

According to the Transportation Safety Board, which is still investigating, the plane plunged from an altitude of 2,400 metres to about 900 metres — the height at which the wreckage was found — in less than 20 seconds.

The sudden fall combined with the wreckage dispersal and lack of terrain damage is “consistent with an in-flight break-up,” according to the TSB.

Investigators said the Swearingen SA 226 aircraft was not equipped with cockpit voice or flight data recording systems.

Carson Air Flight 66 went off radar about half an hour after taking off from YVR. The plane was on its way to Prince George, B.C.

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HASHTAG

Young people take to Twitter to highlight unaffordability



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Eveline Xia thought it just wasn't right when she read about a young doctor leaving Vancouver because he couldn't afford to raise a family in a city where the average price of a single-family home is a million dollars.

"If people who are medical doctors, with the top income in society, if they can't afford the city, what kind of chance do I have?" said Xia, a 29-year-old with a master's degree in forestry and environmental science.

Determined to raise awareness about how difficult it is to stay in the city for young, middle-class citizens — she means anyone who doesn't make six figures, whether they're artists or musicians or lawyers — Xia took to Twitter. She created a hashtag campaign



Eveline Xia, on the seawall Thursday, created a hashtag campaign to draw attention to the high cost of living in Vancouver. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

called #DontHave1Million that encourages people to post pictures of themselves with their job and their age.

Xia, a Mount Pleasant resident who had never used Twitter before, hoped the campaign would grab the attention of politicians and encourage them to tackle the unaffordability problem.

"If you look at other cities, other countries where locals are being pushed out, they have done something about

it," she said. "Do we want a city hollowed out of the middle class?"

A vacancy tax on empty condos was pitched during the 2014 municipal election, but local politicians have yet to take decisive action on the hot-button issue complicated by foreign ownership.

Xia has been overwhelmed by the response to the campaign, 99 per cent of which she said is positive.

"It has been almost a relief,"

she said, adding she now feels like she's not the only one struggling to stay in the city.

Xia is certainly not alone. Statistics Canada data shows a net loss of residents aged 20 to 30 from the Vancouver area as they move to more affordable pastures across the country.

And the problem is expected to get worse. A VanCity report released in March predicts house prices will double to an average of \$2.1 million by 2030.



Young Vancouverites participate in the #DontHave1Million Twitter campaign. TWITTER

SOCIAL INTERACTION

Need some male bonding? Go to the shed



Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Forget man caves. A University of B.C. researcher wants to see more men gathering in sheds in Vancouver.

Based on a model from Australia, "men's sheds" is a community program that sees men gather in a workshop or clubhouse to take part in wood-working, gardening, bike repair or other hobbies while in the company of other men.

Unlike so-called "man caves," which are associated more with alone time, sheds encourage social interaction, which brings a host of health benefits for men, retirees and those going through divorces or bereavement, said UBC nursing professor John Oliffe.

"A lot of guys, when they go through a divorce or they lose their job or they retire, can become socially isolated," he said.

"We know that that leads to depressive symptoms, and that social isolation is one of

the key risk factors for suicide."

Using funds raised through Movember, Oliffe and his team at UBC's Men's Health Research program are working on developing a toolkit for groups of men who wish to start a new men's shed.

"Blokes a lot of times don't feel like they can connect with other fellas unless it's over a beer or over hockey or football," he said.

"And that's fine, but sometimes you might want a bit of a sounding board, an opportunity to talk about deeper stuff."



A men's shed in Pemberton, B.C. COURTESY FRAN HOPKINS



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SPRING GET READY FOR SUN Alen Acosta of Mexico, right, and Elthon Vitale of Brazil play volleyball on a sunny (but chilly) day at English Bay on Thursday. Expect lots of sun this weekend, with Environment Canada calling for highs of up to 18 C on Sunday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

NDP asks for release of land appraisals

BUDGET

Parcels sold below value: Opposition



Matt Kielytyka
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia's sale of surplus assets was the source of heated contention in Victoria for the third day in a row Thursday, with the opposition now demanding the Liberal government release the appraisals for all land sold since 2012.

The issue first came to light Tuesday, when the NDP accused the government of selling 14 parcels of land on Burke Mountain in Coquitlam for \$43 mil-

lion less than it was appraised at.

The opposition has since cited more documents suggesting other land deals were either sold below their appraised value or rushed to close before the end of the fiscal year so that proceeds are reflected in the provincial budget.

Premier Christy Clark has defended the sales, saying taxpayers received fair market value for the land and that selling unnecessary land to the private sector stimulated economic growth.

During question period on Thursday, opposition leader John Horgan asked for proof taxpayers got the best value for the land.

"If (Finance Minister Michael de Jong) is so confident that the government acted in the

public interest and not in a partisan interest, will he release all of the appraisals for all of the land that was sold to meet the budget targets in 2013/14?" Horgan asked.

The minister replied by saying the sales are already public record and that appraisals are merely estimates.

"I feel obliged to remind the members that the government fully disclosed (the sales) in about as public a document as the government tends to release: the budget," de Jong said.

The latest sale questioned by the NDP was at 5750 Panorama Dr. in Surrey, once considered a site for a possible hospital.

Horgan said the land was appraised at \$23.5 million and valued at \$27.2 million by B.C. Assessment but sold by government for \$20.5 million.

IN BRIEF

Man found dead on street believed to be victim of homicide

Homicide police are investigating after a man was found dead on a street in Burnaby early Thursday.

An officer on routine patrol came across the man's body at the intersection of Moscrop Street and Smith Avenue just before 3 a.m., according to the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

Foul play is believed to have played a role in the man's death, police said.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

SHOOTING

Delta officer faces firearm charge

Crown prosecutors have approved a charge against a Delta police officer who allegedly shot someone during a vehicle stop in 2013.

Const. Vicken Movsessian faces one count of careless use of a firearm in connection with the incident, which happened Nov. 7, 2013, in Surrey.

According to a media statement from the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) of B.C., the officer was deployed with the Combined Forces Special Enforce-

ment Unit gang task force at the time and allegedly discharged his firearm during a vehicle check.

An occupant in the vehicle was injured and taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Believing an offence may have been committed, the IIO forwarded its investigation over to the Criminal Justice Branch.

Movsessian is scheduled to appear at British Columbia Provincial Court in Surrey on April 27.

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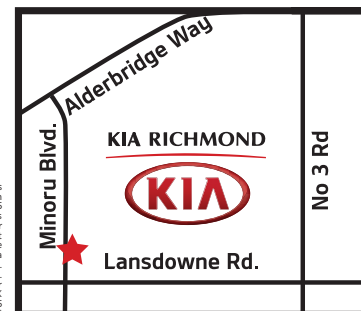
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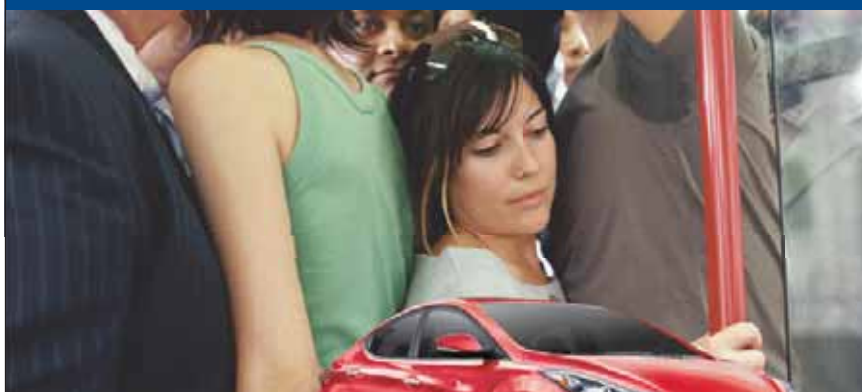
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Researchers with the Vancouver Aquarium are studying the impact of last week's bunker fuel spill on Vancouver's coastal ecosystem. CONTRIBUTED/VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

Science cuts hurt fuel spill readiness

MV MARATHASSA

'No official clarity' on monitoring, expert says

A toxic fuel spill in Vancouver's harbour underscores a major gap in research and readiness because of federal cuts to science programs, says an expert with the city's aquarium.

Peter Ross said there is no cohesive long-term monitoring of British Columbia's coastal ecosystems. The lack of baseline data makes it difficult for scientists to assess the spill's impact, he said.

"We think there is a gap in terms of our capacity to understand the ocean, document our impact on the ocean, and consequently that renders very, very difficult our ability to protect the ocean," he said in a phone

interview.

"These sorts of spills simply underscore our lack of understanding and preparedness for anything like this."

The bulk grain carrier MV Marathassa dumped at least 2,700 litres of bunker fuel into English Bay last Wednesday and the oil quickly spread to beaches in the bay, along Stanley Park and on West Vancouver's shores.

Ross said the Vancouver Aquarium learned of the spill through media reports last Thursday and immediately sent scientists to take oil, water and sediment samples. Aquarium divers have collected sediment from the sea floor.

"There is no official clarity around who is to monitor the effects of a spill," said Ross.

The federal government cut millions in funding to Fisheries in 2012. More than 50 scientists lost their jobs, including Ross, whose marine toxicology program was shut down.

While the province shares some responsibility for monitoring its coast, it is up to Fisheries to monitor marine life health, said Ross.

Fisheries did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but issued a public statement Thursday that said it is developing a long-term plan to monitor spill effects.

It said fisheries sampling is underway and there has been no evidence of any impact to public health and safety.

The department said Tuesday it was closing recreational fisheries west of Lions Gate Bridge — six days after the spill. It said it took the precaution immediately after advice from Vancouver Coastal Health.

At the same time, it said samples taken from the waters surrounding the ship had hydrocarbon levels below laboratory detection limits and met federal and provincial guidelines.

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NURSING

Union demands safety after assault

The B.C. Nurses' Union is calling for immediate action after a nurse was attacked by a patient at Hillside Centre in Kamloops on Wednesday night.

Union president Gayle Duteil said the incident was the second serious assault of a nurse at the facility in four months and adds even more urgency to the union's long-standing calls for improved

safety at health care facilities.

Few details of the assault are being released, but Duteil said the nurse's injuries are substantial enough to keep her off work.

Hillside Centre has been identified by the union as one of 12 sites in the province that need "urgent attention" to address safety and security concerns.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

IN BRIEF

Real estate prices up

British Columbia's real estate market had its strongest March in eight years.

There were a total of 9,101 residential unit sales throughout the province in March, totaling \$5.8 million and representing an eight-year high for the month, according to the British Columbia Real Estate Association.

The province's average residential price now sits at \$641,799. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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EXPENSE SCANDAL TRIAL

Court hears Duffy contractor paid for services

Stephen Harper's name surfaced at the Mike Duffy trial Thursday as court heard from a string of contractors who were paid through a taxpayer-funded account that the suspended senator allegedly used to skirt finance rules.

A former intern, a makeup artist and a personal trainer all described being paid by companies run by Duffy's long-time friend Gerald Donohue for services they provided to the senator

— and in one case, to the prime minister as well.

The cheques form the basis for six of 30 fraud and breach of trust charges faced by Duffy, in addition to a single count of bribery involving a cheque that came from Harper's former chief of staff.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

The money came at Duffy's request, court heard; both makeup artist Jacqueline Lambert and per-

sonal trainer Michael Croskery testified he explicitly told them to bill either Maple Ridge Media or Ottawa ICF, both companies run by Donohue.

Cheques cut by Maple Ridge included \$300 sent to Lambert, who had known Duffy for years in his role at CTV.

She was first called to do his makeup as a senator in 2009, for a photo shoot, and Duffy told her to send him the invoice personally. A letter introduced earlier

in court from the Senate showed the expense wasn't approved.

In 2010, he called again - this time to do makeup for both him and Harper at a televised G8/G10 event on Parliament Hill. He told her to send her \$300 invoice to Maple Ridge.

Last week, a government source told The Canadian Press that the makeup services Harper received that day weren't paid for by taxpayers.

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Jian Ghomeshi, left, and his lawyer Marie Henein arrive at court in Toronto on Jan. 8. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CBC report prompts apology

JIAN GHOMESHI

Investigation launched after allegations surfaced

A scathing report detailing the failure of CBC managers to stop star radio host Jian Ghomeshi's alleged inappropriate workplace behaviour elicited a profuse apology Thursday from its president.

A humbled Hubert Lacroix offered his "sincere and unqualified apology to our employees and to Canadians" as findings of a 52-page report were revealed, including allegations that the disgraced Ghomeshi belittled colleagues, played cruel pranks and, in a "small number of cases," sexually harassed them.

The report, which redacted portions that could identify employees, also concluded that Ghomeshi's managers knew about inappropriate behaviour but failed to act or hold the former Q host accountable.

"The findings of this report are

troubling, they're disappointing and they point to lapses in our system and concerns about our culture," Lacroix told a conference call.

Outside investigator Janice Rubin interviewed 99 people over five months to prepare the report, which proposed nine recommendations that include a confidential hotline for employees and a "respect-at-work and human-rights" ombudsperson.

The investigation was launched after CBC fired Ghomeshi in October, saying there was "graphic evidence" he had caused physical injury to a woman.

Claims eventually emerged from more than a dozen women who alleged sexual or physical assault. Ghomeshi has admitted in a Facebook posting that he engaged in "rough sex" but insisted it was always consensual.

Ghomeshi faces seven counts of sexual assault and one of overcoming resistance by choking, but his lawyer has said he will plead not guilty to all charges. One of the complainants is a former CBC employee.

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IN BRIEF

Saguenay mayor will comply with prayer ruling

The Quebec mayor who would recite a prayer at the beginning of municipal council meetings expressed surprise Thursday at the Supreme Court's unanimous ruling that the practice must be stopped.

Saguenay Mayor Jean Tremblay said he will com-

ply with the judgment, though he doesn't agree with it. "I respect the decision, and we will stop the prayer ... but I can't be in agreement with it," he said.

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that the reading of a Catholic prayer at council meetings infringes on freedom of conscience and religion. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Police: Muslims threw Christians overboard

MIGRATION CRISIS

Accusations fly of homicide, religious hate

Italy's migration crisis took on a deadly new twist Thursday as police in Sicily reported that Muslim migrants had thrown 12 Christians overboard during a recent crossing from Libya, and an aid group said another 41 were feared drowned in a separate incident.

Palermo police said they had detained 15 people suspected in the high-seas assault, which they learned of while interviewing tearful survivors from Nigeria and Ghana who had arrived in Palermo on Wednesday morning after being rescued at sea by the ship *Ellensburg*.

The 15 were accused of multiple homicide aggravated by religious hatred, police said in a statement.

The survivors said they had boarded a rubber boat

10,000

An unprecedented wave of migrants has headed for the European Union's promised shores over the past week, with 10,000 people making the trip. Hundreds — nobody knows how many — have disappeared into the Mediterranean, including 41 migrants reported dead Thursday after a shipwreck.

April 14 on the Libyan coast with 105 passengers aboard, part of the wave of migrants taking advantage of calm seas and warm weather to make the risky crossing from Libya, where most smuggling operations originate.

During the crossing, the migrants from Nigeria and Ghana — believed to be Christians — were threatened with being abandoned at sea by some 15 other passengers from the Ivory



Migrants are transferred to holding centres after disembarking from the Italian Coast Guard ship *Dattilo* on Thursday. CARMELO IMBESI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coast, Senegal, Mali and Guinea Bissau.

Eventually the threat was carried out, and 12 were pushed overboard. The statement said the motive was that the victims "professed the Christian faith, while the aggressors were Muslim."

The surviving Christians, the statement said, only managed to stay on board by forming a "hu-

man chain" to resist the assault.

Earlier Thursday, the International Organization of Migration said four migrants who were picked up in recent days by the Italian Navy reported a shipwreck to aid workers after arriving in the Italian port of Trapani on Thursday. Their boat had originally been carrying 45 people; the others are presumed dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Guards protect last male rhino of his kind

The world's only remaining male northern white rhino is now under armed guard all day and night, and an online campaign is looking to raise funds to keep these "rhino rangers" to help protect the subspecies from extinction.

Kenya's Ol Pejeta Conservancy has launched a GoFundMe campaign aiming to crowdfund 75,000 pounds, or \$136,000 Canadian dollars, to help employ rangers to protect 42-year-old Sudan and other animals.

Rhinos have become targets for poachers, fueled by belief

in Asia that their horns have medicinal properties.

In addition to the armed security, and using anti-poaching dogs, the conservancy attaches radio transmitters to the animals in order to collect intelligence on poaching in the area.

The 36,400-hectare reserve is home to two other northern white rhinos — of the only five remaining in the world.

The fate of keeping the northern cousins alive rests on Sudan and his ability to conceive with either of the conservancy's female rhinos.

METRO

IN BRIEF

Thousands flee as ISIL advances on Ramadi, Iraq

More than 2,000 families have fled the Iraqi city of Ramadi with little more than the clothes on their backs, officials said Thursday, as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) closed in on the capital of western Anbar province, clashing with Iraqi troops and turning it into a ghost town.

The extremist group, which has controlled the nearby city of Fallujah for more than a year, captured three villages on Ramadi's eastern outskirts on Wednesday.

The advance is widely seen as a counteroffensive after ISIL lost the city of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, earlier this month.

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FINANCE SURGING STOCK Kristina Salen, centre left, Etsy's chief financial officer, stands with Chad Dickerson, centre right, chairman and chief executive officer, to celebrate the company's IPO with employees and guests at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York on Thursday. Shares of arts-and-crafts retailer Etsy surged in opening trading on the Nasdaq. After pricing at \$16 late Wednesday, the stock opened at nearly double that and hit a high of \$35.73 in morning trading. The company is valued at \$3.33 billion, based on afternoon trading just shy of \$30. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cirque du soleil sale imminent

CULTURE

Deal would give 60 per cent majority share to TPG Capital

Emotions are running high at Cirque du soleil as the company is preparing to announce the sale of the famed Quebec circus troupe on Monday, even though co-founder Guy Laliberté has yet to fully sign off on the transaction.

Employees are sad because an era in one of Quebec's creative success stories seems to be on the verge of change, said a former senior official who remains close to old colleagues.

"I'm very emotional because it's the end of something extraordinary," said the source, who didn't want to be identified.

Laliberté told workers on Wednesday he had not yet concluded a sale agreement, which reports say would be for something under \$2 billion.

"To be perfectly honest, there are a lot of discussions taking place at the moment," Laliberté wrote in a short email. "However, and as I usually do, be sure that you will be the first informed."

Sources close to the deal say U.S. private equity firm TPG Capital is close to completing a deal that involves Quebec pension fund manager the Caisse de depot and a large Chinese investment fund.

Laliberté would reportedly continue to hold 10 per cent of the company after the sale and the Caisse another 10 per cent, with TPG holding 60 per cent and China's Fosun Capital the remaining 20 per cent.

The new owners plan to maintain the Cirque's headquarters in Montreal and would expand its operations by opening a support office in Shanghai, where Fosun is based.

"Any transaction would involve both the management and creative soul of the company remaining in Montreal," said a source close to the deal. "TPG very much appreciates the

unique cultural heritage of the Cirque."

TPG is the world's largest casino owner, with a stake in Caesar's Entertainment, while Fosun owns Club Med resorts.

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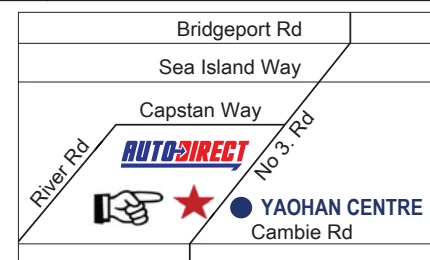
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"Host culture enabled Ghomeshi to rule with impunity a long time"

I've worked at public broadcasters and I know so-called host culture.

Why doesn't CBC executive Heather Conway?

She and other Mother Corp leaders appeared humbled yesterday in the face of a scathing report on workplace culture at Q — sorry, q. We apologize, we fully accept the report's findings and we'll implement the recommendations swiftly, they chanted.

The report found that a range of abuses by Jian Ghomeshi went unchecked and host culture played a key role. But pressed on how CBC would deal with host culture, Conway downplayed its very existence. "I'm not sure that host culture, or the premise, is an excuse for managers not managing," she said. She also rejected the idea it's a problem with other hosts.

Well, I'd refer Conway back to that report the CBC commissioned, because in the words of one witness, it's "definitely an issue."

Also known as "keeping the talent happy" — a phrase I picked up while working for the CBC and BBC — host culture means that "my voice next to his would mean nothing," as one alleged Ghomeshi victim has told media.

Now that Ghomeshi's gone, though, we shouldn't worry, according to Conway.

That's despite the fact that the report dedicated a whole

section to host culture and how it enabled Ghomeshi to rule with impunity, and despite the fact that witnesses said it's been a problem at the broadcaster "for a long time."

Host culture is not some kind of Q anomaly. Egos in media are notorious for a reason. Ghomeshi's an extreme example of a subtle and pervasive hierarchy where the face of a program gets deferential treatment due to their pivotal and public role in a program's success.

And maybe the worst thing about host culture is how closely tied it is to the kind of celebrity the CBC was chasing in Ghomeshi. The celebrity that helped him reach those ugly heights and kept him there too long. We know from other cases, such as the horrific Jimmy Savile child-abuse scandal at the BBC, that placating and protecting celebrity talent is dangerous.

To deny that role in the Ghomeshi affair, or even to reject its presence elsewhere in the CBC, will only do one thing: protect the powerful.

CBC leadership is promising a "culture shift." They're going to clean up the mess of inadequate policies and management failures. They're going to make the hierarchy clear, and the host won't be at the top of it, so they say.

But that means nothing if host culture persists. Oh sorry, I forgot. It doesn't exist.

Happy face/Sad face

From an update on **marijuana use** to the lowdown on **discrimination** in the lab, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week.



World's most unhorrible boss

Seattle's Dan Price took a 90 per cent, \$930,000 pay cut at his payment-processing company so he could raise salaries for his 120 staff. From an annual average of \$48,000, everyone will be making at least \$70,000 by 2018. There's greater inequality today than there's been since the Great Recession, Price observed. "This is a capitalist solution to a social problem," he said. "I think it pays for itself, I really do."



All the dope on declining dope use

Statistics Canada reports marijuana use may be down among teens and young adults. The percentage of 15- to 24-year-olds who've partaken dropped from 2002 to 2012. Gender-wise, 49 per cent of males have tried it compared to 36 per cent of females. Nor is it necessarily a gateway drug: most cocaine and heroin users have used marijuana. But most marijuana users have never used other illicit drugs.



A water hazard with real teeth

There were no crocodile tears for golfer John Lahiff, 75, after he was bitten in the right calf at a resort in northern Australia. "It's partly my fault for disturbing it," he said stoically. "It was just sunbaking." He was navigating a water trap when the 1.2-metre croc showed up. Attacks from younger crocs are rare, said local authorities. But he's lucky it was little. Adult crocs can measure six metres long, with teeth to match.



Scientists want fame for females, too

UBC scientists Judy Illes and Catherine Anderson quit the selection committee of the Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame after only men were nominated for the second year in a row. The public does the nominating, but Illes said more could be done to change perceptions that science is a male pursuit. "To have zero women two years in a row signifies a failure on our part to really reach out as needed."



Don't click if you can't commit to an e-vite

THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Last week I went to a sad birthday party to which I was the seventh and last guest to arrive. There's nothing wrong with a small party, unless it wasn't planned as a small party.

What made this one particularly heartbreaking was that in the middle of the room sat a giant charcuterie plate — picture a surfboard covered in salami and paté. When the butcher (charcuterie artist?) had asked how many guests were expected, the birthday girl had estimated 25 based on her Facebook invite: 28 "attending," nine "maybes." With me as the final arrival, let's just say she was eating salty meats for several days

afterward.

With this not being the first under-attended party I've been at over the past year, I got to wondering: has Facebook made us flakier than skin in winter?

I've suffered similar humiliations. When I threw a party last New Year's Eve, my Facebook invitation boasted 30 confirmed attendees. Instead, I rang in 2014 among an awkward mix of 11 people I kind of knew. The biggest sting wasn't just people not showing up; it was who hadn't shown up — close friends who'd made comments on the invite like, "See you tonight!" and "Can't wait!"

Should auld acquaintance be forgot? Uh, if you're not even going to show up to my party, then yeah, forget you. The only thing worse than waking up on Jan. 1 hung over after a big party is waking up

hung over after a tiny party. "Happy New Year! You're a loser!"

People have been bailing on plans since the beginning of time — I'm sure there was once a lonely caveman standing in an empty cave with an abundance of fire and paleo snacks — but because of the removed nature of "e-vites," our inability to commit is out of control. Clicking on a virtual button is way less of an emotional investment than speaking or making eye contact.

And I get it: Facebook and other social-networking sites have expanded my IRL social life greatly. I'm a comedian, so I have 2,033 FB friends. I probably know like 42 of them (and like like 15 of them) but I get invited to ALL of their events.

It's only human: you see an invite and you want to look

like you care, you want to look social, so you press "Going" or "Join." But often we click whether we intend to go or not, forgetting that at the other end of the Internet is a friend or acquaintance who sees our acceptance with glee. That person then starts excitedly planning and vacuuming and putting melon balls and prosciutto on toothpicks.

There is a disconnect between your mouse and that person's feelings that we need to address. We need to revisit our callous clicking because the more you try to look like you care online, the more of an uncaring monster you look in real life.

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NEW RELEASE

Unfriended is social commentary masked as a horror film

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



The best horror films are never only about the Double Gs — guts and gore.

Sure, part of the appeal of scary movies is that they make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end, and that frequently requires a spray of blood or a nightmarish vision of terror in the form of Freddy

Kruger or Jason Voorhees, but great horror films are always about something other than the thrills and chills.

To be truly effective, scary pictures must tap into a collective anxiety; societal hot buttons that elevate the frights to a new level.

For instance, *Frankenstein* plays on people's fear of science while *Godzilla* is an obvious cultural metaphor for nuclear weapons in reaction to the devastation of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and you don't have to be Sigmund Freud to see Dracula as the metaphorical embodiment of everything from drug addiction and old age to alternative lifestyles and capitalism.

Perhaps the most socially self-aware horror film of all is *Night of the Living Dead*. It's

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Unfriended ★★★★★
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got zombies galore but director George A. Romero had the braaaaiins to include a subtext that echoed the contemporary state of America's race relations, the horrors of Vietnam and cynicism with government. It's the best of both worlds: a thought-provoking movie that gushes with gore.

Film historian Linda Badley suggests *Night of the Living Dead* horrifies because the zombies weren't bizarre creatures from outer space or from Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory,

but because, "They're us."

This weekend a new film, *Unfriended*, turns the camera, or in this case the Skype screen, on us in an eerie story about bullying.

On the surface, *Unfriended* may look like a cheapo teen horror flick with a cast of unknowns — which it is, but so was *Night of the Living Dead* — but by basing the plot in the world of social media and the bad behaviour that comes along with anonymous avatars, it becomes a ripped-from-

the-headlines comment on a very touchy societal subject.

The movie begins a year after Laura, a popular high school student, has been cyber shamed into killing herself.

A teenage girl is on a group Skype session when she begins to receive cryptic and threatening messages from Laura's old account. As the movie unfolds, secrets are revealed and the danger is amped up.

The mysterious killer is a hoary old horror convention, but here it's told in the contemporary language of millennials.

Unsurprisingly, the movie has already sparked the interest of the Y Generation — the trailer garnered almost 300,000 Twitter comments on its first day. Millennials relate to the setting (by and large, it takes place on a computer

screen) and are all too familiar with the everyday brutality of Twitter, Facebook, Skype, Instagram and Spotify.

They understand what a minefield the web can be and the filmmakers realized the narrative possibilities of creating cinema's first deadly Internet troll. Freddy Kruger is your father's baddie; the new horror comes in bits and bytes.

Similar to *Psycho*'s Norman Bates or the undead of *28 Days Later*, the kids of *Unfriended* tell a very specific story — the sad tale of a teen suicide — that becomes a universal horror tale by making the characters and setting ordinary and relatable.

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Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2**Director:** Andy Fickman
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**MYSTERY & HORROR**
Unfriended**Director:** Levan Gabriadze
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Unfriended unfolds over a teenager's computer screen as she and her friends are stalked by an unseen figure who seeks vengeance for a shaming video that led a vicious bully to kill herself a year earlier.

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Critics: **Audience:**
89% **+91%**

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Gisele struts off into the sunset



Gisele Bündchen celebrates with fellow models after her final show. ANDRE PENNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUPERMODEL**NFLer husband totally fine with runway retirement**

Gisele Bündchen has officially retired from the runway life, walking her last catwalk in Brazil this week, and her husband, Tom Brady, decided to take the opportunity to let the world know how into her he is.

"I have never met someone with more of a will to succeed and determination to overcome any obstacle in the way," Tom gushed on Facebook — maybe it was supposed to be a private message instead? "You never cease to amaze me. Nobody loves life more than you and your beauty runs much deeper than what the eye can see. I can't wait to see what's next. I love you."

Then he threw in a couple of hashtags — "#GOAT" and "#thebestisyettocome" — because no heartfelt message is complete without hashtags. Not these days, at least.

As for why Bündchen is putting an end to her successful runway modelling career? Her body told her to.

“Nobody loves life more than you and your beauty runs much deeper than what the eye can see. I can't wait to see what's next.”

Tom Brady in Facebook note to wife Gisele Bündchen

"Automatically my body tells me if what I do is worth it, and it asked to stop," she told Brazilian newspaper *Folha de São Paulo*. "I respect my body. It's a privilege to be able to stop."

ENGAGED**Nicki Minaj flashes brand new bling**

Nicki Minaj is engaged, and she's got the massive heart-shaped ring to prove it! The rapper took to Twitter to reveal the impressive piece of bling given to her by now-fiance Meek Mill.

"Both Meek and Nicki have been spending amazing quality time together lately and have gotten extremely close these past few months," a source tells



E! News.

"It may seem like it all is happening very quickly but Nicki and Meek are in this 100 (per cent). They truly love each other."

And just how impressive is that ring? "This looks like a 15-carat fancy yellow heart modified brilliant cut diamond mounted in platinum with a double halo of white pavé diamonds," jewelry expert Morgan Shara says. "This would retail for approximately \$500,000." Damn, girl. NED EHRBAR/METRO

MUSIC VIDEO**Statham can't hide from go-go boy past**

Somewhere between his professional diving career and being a big, tough movie star in *The Expendables*, the *Transporter* series and the upcoming *Spy*, British tough guy Jason Statham earned a living as ... a go-go dancer in music videos.

Internet sleuths recently uncovered a video for British '90s techno-



band *The Shamen's* *Comin' On* that features an oiled-up Statham gyrating in just a leopard-print Speedo and some combat boots along with some extremely rudimentary green screen technology.

And man, is he into it. One thing is for sure, he definitely has some moves. NED EHRBAR/METRO

IN BRIEF**Sony hack docs now in searchable online archive**

Whistleblower site Wiki-Leaks has put hundreds of thousands of emails and documents from last year's Sony hack into a searchable online archive.

In December, Sony suffered a crippling cyber-attack ahead of the release of the movie *The Interview*, set in North Korean. An unknown organization leaked the documents and other damaging information online, but not in an easily searchable database.

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170K

WikiLeaks says that its database includes more than 170,000 emails from Sony Pictures Entertainment and a subsidiary, plus more than 30,000 other documents.

Lady Antebellum's tour bus catches fire

A tour bus for superstar country group Lady Antebellum caught fire along an interstate near Dallas, but no one was injured.

Singer Hillary Scott posted on the group's Facebook page that she, her husband, their tour manager and the driver were on the Dallas-bound bus when a tire caught fire Thursday morning.

Scott says everyone safely evacuated, writing "EVERYONE IS SAFE AND SOUND." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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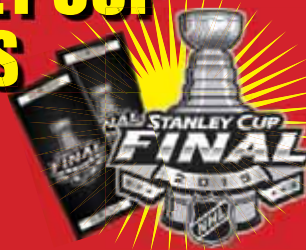
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Michael Douglas, unhinged

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Acting legend at full throttle in *Beyond the Reach* thriller

Chris Alexander
Metro | Life

Sitting in a room with Hollywood legend Michael Douglas is a borderline supernatural experience.

Not only is Douglas bona fide cinema royalty (he is the son of the iconic Kirk Douglas and a veteran award-winning actor and producer in his own right), but it was only a few short years ago that he wasn't expected to live, written off as terminal by tabloids and reliable news portals alike as he battled the late stages of a rare kind of throat cancer.

But survive Douglas did and, against all odds, he even thrived, first winning a well-deserved Emmy for his portrayal of Liberace in Steven



Michael Douglas co-stars in Jean-Baptiste Léonetti's new thriller. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Soderbergh's *Behind the Candelabra*, then signing on as the lead in Marvel's upcoming *Ant-Man* and now, serving as the co-star and producer of director Jean-Baptiste Léonetti's pulse-pounding new thriller *Beyond the Reach*.

The film (based on a young-adult book called *Deathwatch* by Robb White) sees Douglas playing a kind of rugged riff on his *Wall Street* character, Gordon Gekko, as a millionaire game hunter who takes a young man (Jeremy Irvine)

with him into the Mojave Desert to hunt a rare big-horned ram. When tragedy strikes, the desperate Douglas turns his target on his protégé, with terrifying results. It's a fine film with a full-throttle, unhinged and unpredictable

“Getting one of these indie movies made is never easy.”

Michael Douglas

Douglas performance.

“I wanted to do it,” Douglas told us at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

“I was always going to produce it, right from the beginning, but I thought that as far as getting one of these indie movies made, which is never easy anymore, that my presence in the actual movie would be able to add something.”

His scenery-devouring turn — over the top, yet always expertly controlled — pushes *Beyond the Reach* into the abstract. “This character is a West Coast millionaire who has it all and is always in control. But he flips out when pushed too far. When he's pushed to extremes, the beast comes out. I wanted to dissolve into the worst motherf—er alive.”

IN BRIEF

Douglas loves his work, but not the artifice of film

Michael Douglas' broad-strokes performance in *Beyond the Reach* is offset by stunning location desert photography.

“We shot ... at Shiprock in New Mexico,” he says, adding, “If you're going to film in New Mexico, it's essential you get a grip crew locally. These guys were like another species of human being ... (they) go up these mountains, carrying cases and cameras, doing impossible things.”

While Douglas still takes joy in working and, post-recovery, has become more prolific, the artifice of cinema leaves him cold. “Too many times I'll watch a film and it ends exactly how I thought it was going to end,” he says.

“I love sporting events more because you never know how they will turn out. But after I wrap a film, when it's done, I only watch it once. Only once. And then I'm done. See, I love the process of making movies. Not so much the process of watching them.”

Ex Machina actress puts a face on being non-human

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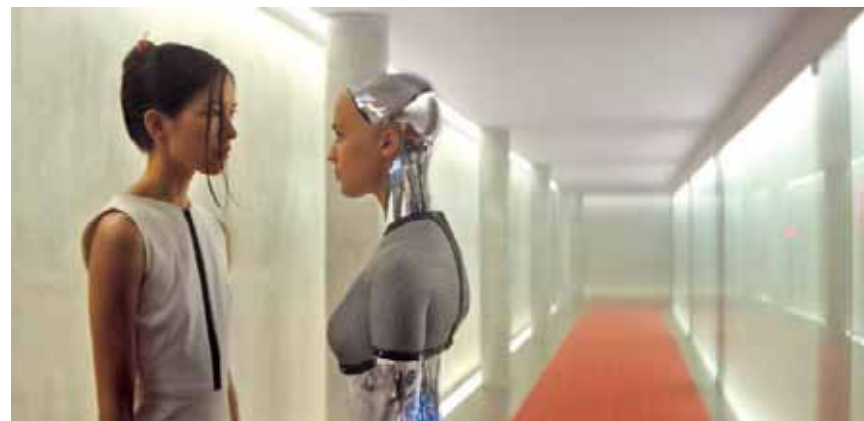
Swedish actress on challenges of robot role

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

Alicia Vikander plays a robot with A.I. capabilities in *Ex Machina*. She talked to Metro while promoting the new film.

Ex Machina is an unusual way to do a sci-fi film: It's very stripped down, its effects organic to the narrative. At times, with its single digit characters, it plays like a play.

It's a chamber piece. To be able to have such long scenes is very rare. Very often you start a scene, you start to get into it, and then it's over. You find a certain path you hadn't taken in another take. In this film you really had the chance to execute whatever new influences or directions you found. **The question in the film is whether Ava, your robotic**



In *Ex Machina*, Alicia Vikander, right, plays a robot with a human face. CONTRIBUTED

character, genuinely thinks and feels independent of her programming. How did you approach that?

With any part, even when you're trying to create a new character, you can at least relate to the fact that they're human. With this you couldn't even do that.

I figured that because they were questioning whether she was real or not that her maker must have come very far (in programming her).

I wanted her to come very close to that idea. Alex (Garland, the writer-director) was very open about it. I basically had a blank sheet. It was one of those roles you really want because you're quite terrified and scared of taking it on, but you do get to try whatever you want.

It's a film that gets at the heart of what defines consciousness: She's designed, but in a sense we all are.

I could ask myself 10,000 questions. If I said something did I know that I said it? Did I have any intention of saying it?

Was it something I was programmed to say or something I learned? It was scary, because the questions kept coming, one after another. But if you do believe she has a conscience then she's a girl being locked up. And if not, then she's a machine in a space.

CANADIAN FILM

Villeneuve's *Sicario* chosen for Cannes

Quebec film director Denis Villeneuve's longtime dream has come true.

His star-studded English-language project *Sicario* is headed to the Cannes Film Festival and will vie for the Palme d'or against 16 other films, including Todd Haynes's *Carol*, Paolo Sorrentino's *Youth*, and Gus Van Sant's *The Sea of Trees*.

For the maker of films including *Prisoners*, *Polytechnique* and the Oscar-nominated *Incendies*, the selection for the prestigious festival is a thrill. “It's a big cliché, but Cannes

is Cannes,” Villeneuve told a news conference in Montreal on Thursday.

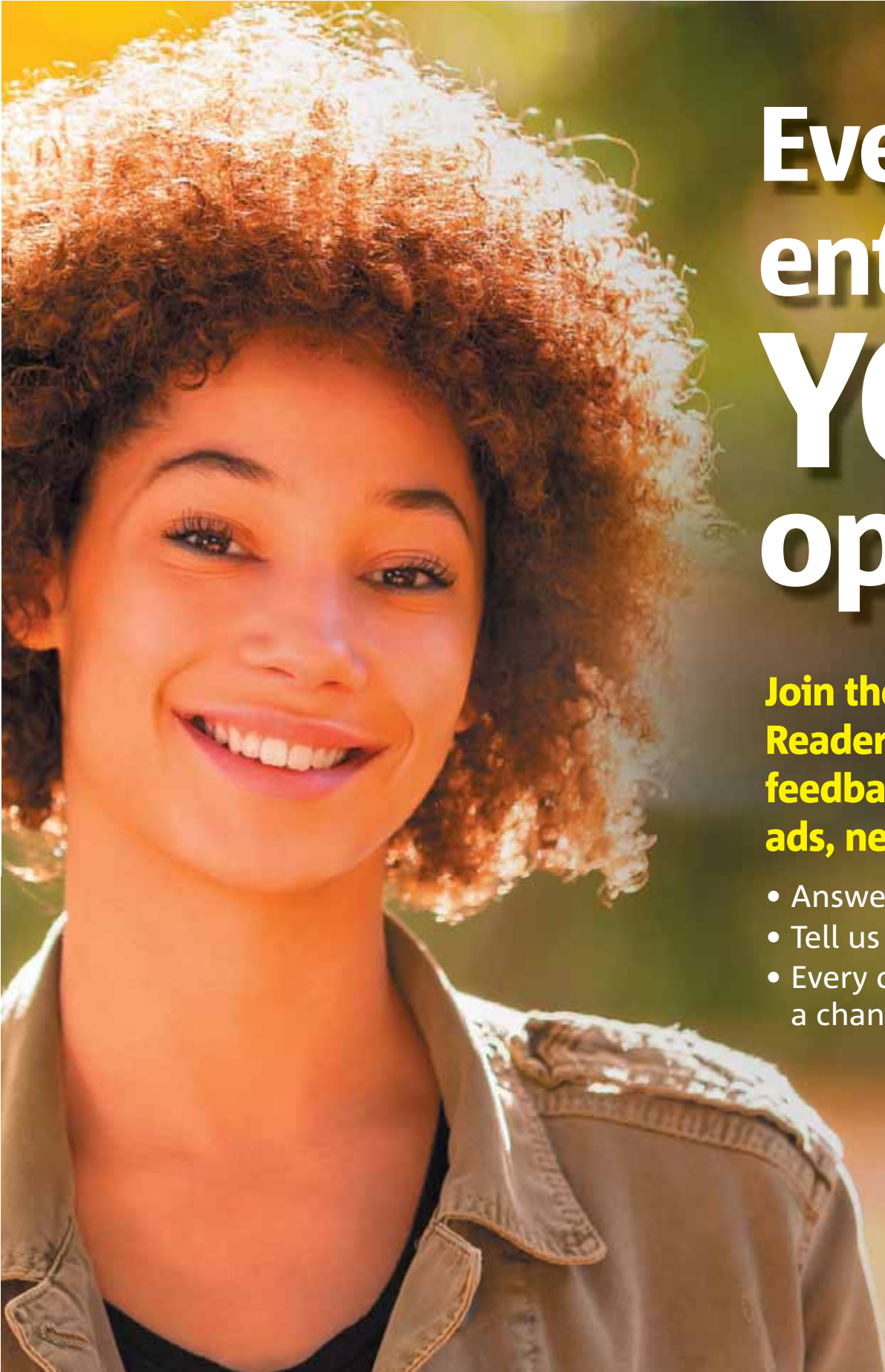
“I'm really moved that I'll be able to participate this year with this film and I wasn't expecting to be chosen.”

Villeneuve's latest feature is set along the border between Mexico and the United States and follows an FBI agent tackling the brutal world of international drug trafficking.

Sicario stars Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro and Josh Brolin and is set for release in September. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Director Denis Villeneuve. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A close-up portrait of a young woman with voluminous, curly, light brown hair. She is smiling warmly at the camera, showing her teeth. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly olive green, button-down shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage. The lighting is bright and natural, coming from the upper left, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

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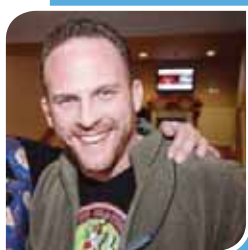
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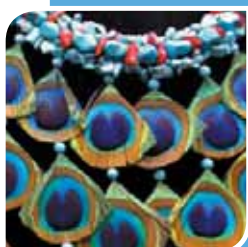
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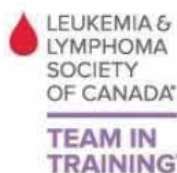
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Sequels that really sucked

Chris Alexander
Metro | Life

Back in 2009, this critic drew the short straw and was assigned by my cruel editor to cover the movie Paul Blart: Mall Cop. The film featured King of Queens star Kevin James as an overweight, simple-minded, Segway-riding mall security guard with delusions of grandeur who ends up foiling a bank robbery and getting the girl. The film is as flat as can be: a laugh-free, dim-bulb wallow in "fat guy" humour and tacky action set pieces.

But Blart went on to become a surprise box-office hit. And now, five years later, James is back in his button-straining white work shirt, wheeling through the running time of Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2. And lo and behold, here we are again, dear Metro readers, me drawing the short straw and you reading my words.

But this time, instead of riffing on the film itself, we've opted to turn our attention to a slew of other studio sequels that nobody asked for. Some are followups to iconic films that should have remained one-shots; some are companions to pictures that weren't very good to begin with. But one thing's for sure: all of them stink!



An American Werewolf in Paris

John Landis' 1981 classic An American Werewolf in London is a fascinating horror/comedy hybrid full of stark terror, imagination, eroticism and heart as well as revolutionary Rick Baker designed makeup gags. This limp, belated and virtually unrelated sequel has none of these qualities, armed as it is with a chemistry-free cast, shoddy digital effects and no atmosphere whatsoever. Blech!



Grease 2

The original Grease was and remains an immaculate confection, with endlessly singable tunes, John Travolta in peak form and groovy dance numbers. The woefully inept, Travolta-free, Grease 2 has a young Michelle Pfeiffer doing her best to make songs about how awesome bowling is, work. She can't...



Staying Alive

Travolta may have sat Grease 2 out, but he showed up for director Sylvester Stallone's wildly awful followup to Saturday Night Fever. In it, Travolta's macho doofus Tony is still strutting around NYC and still angst ridden, but this time he's gunning for his big Broadway break. Said break is an operatic dance number called Satan's Alley that is perhaps the most bloated and ridiculous spectacle you'll ever see. Stallone's brother Frank wrote the music. And it's not good.



The Pink Panther 2

Steve Martin once more insults the memory of Peter Sellers' patented Inspector Clouseau from the classic Pink Panther films. As bad as Martin is here, the criminal waste of a great supporting cast is far worse. The scene in which Martin and French legend Jean Reno dance around the kitchen singing "jojoba" will have you pining for the comedic heights of Paul Blart!



East Nashville finds its groove

TENNESSEE

Stroll among eclectic mix of eateries, coffee shops, stores

A trip to Nashville wouldn't be complete without a visit to the honky-tonks of lower Broadway and a pilgrimage to the "mother church of country music," the Ryman Auditorium, but once you've hit those, consider a trip across the river to Nashville's hippest neighbourhood.

East Nashville started out as a separate city of country estates, enjoying a post-Civil War boom in the 1870s and 1880s, according to local historian and East Nashville resident Jim Hoobler.

Beginning in 1916, a huge fire, the Great Depression and flight to the suburbs took their toll. Restoration of the area's many Victorian homes and bungalows began in the 1970s, and has helped turn it into one of the city's most desirable neighbourhoods.

Eat, drink and walk Nashville

Today, visitors can easily spend a day or more sampling East Nashville's boutiques, restaurants, brew pubs and clubs. There are too many fun spots to list them all, but a good place to start is the pedestrian-friendly Five Points neighbourhood.

Here Marché Artisan Foods (1000 Main St.) serves up a European-style seasonal



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Across the Cumberland River from downtown, East Nashville is the hippest part of the city (top), where Leah Larabell mixes tea at High Garden (bottom left), and handmade flies are on display at Jones Fly Company. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

menu in a sunny room that is always packed. In addition to sit-down meals, Marché sells baked goods and locally sourced packaged food.

Chef Margot McCormack has another popular restaurant nearby, Margot Café and Bar (1017 Woodland St.), which serves rustic French and Italian cuisine for din-

ner and Sunday brunch. Reservations can be hard to get, but sometimes there's room at the bar.

A cheaper, humbler meal can be found at I Dream of Weenie (113 S. 11th St.), a hotdog restaurant run out of an old Volkswagen bus. Across the street is the Pied Piper Creamery (114 S. 11th



St.), where a signature flavour is Trailer Trash: vanilla ice cream with Oreo, Twix, Butterfinger, Nestle Crunch, Snickers, M&Ms and Reese's Pieces.

New York-style Five Points Pizza (1012 Woodland St.) offers a good selection of local and regional craft beers.

For shopping, a row of tiny

boutiques called The Idea Hatchery (1108 Woodland St.) includes everything from an all-local bookstore (East Side Story) to a gourmet oatmeal shop (Haulin' Oats) with lots of vintage and kitsch in between.

Another cluster of boutiques, The Shoppes on Fatherland (1006 Father-

land St.), is within walking distance. Or rent a bicycle for the trip from the nearby Nashville B-cycle station (109 S. 11th St.). Basic rentals are \$5 for the first hour, \$1.50 each additional half-hour.

Don't miss Jones Fly Co., where workers tie feathers and animal hair around tiny hooks, making mock bug lures that anglers use to fool fish.

For a moment of calm, visit High Garden, selling both traditional teas and herbal infusions with names such as "overworked," "warrior blend" and "airway to heaven." Take a bag to go or share a pot with a friend in the small seating area. There's a selection of books and games for the tables, but laptops are not allowed. Yes, you read that correctly.

"This is not a place to escape, it's a place to be," co-owner Leah Larabell explains.

'Southern artisan chocolate'

Six blocks away is Olive and Sinclair Chocolate Co. (1628 Fatherland St.), where Scott Witherow roasts, stone-grinds and sells what he calls "Southern artisan chocolate." If it's a Saturday, you can tour the factory for \$5, including your very own hairnet.

At Barista Parlor (519 B Gallatin Ave.), the coffees have complicated back stories and can be served cold with mixers that make them feel more like cocktails. Food includes inventive house-made "Pop's Tarts," doughnuts and macaroons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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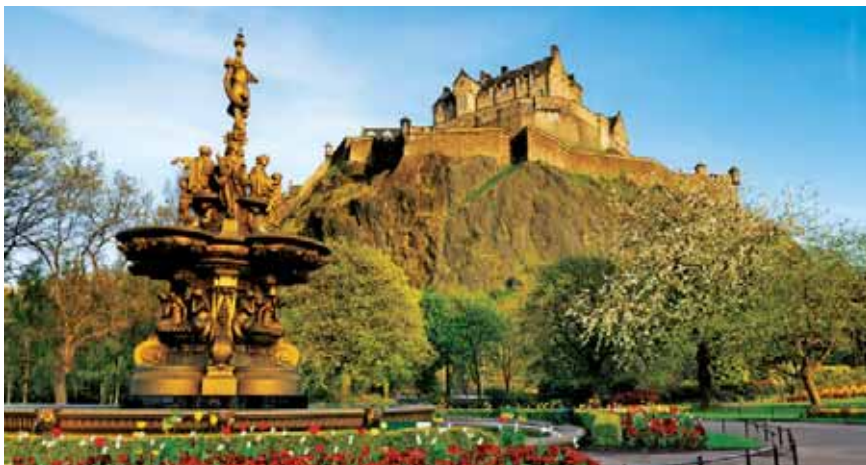
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Edinburgh as seen by Scott and Stevenson

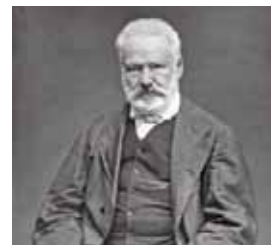
Launched late last month, Lit Long: Edinburgh incorporates nearly 550 novels, stories, memoirs and journals focusing on the 19th and early 20th centuries — Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and Muriel Spark all appear — but also tying in works by the likes of Alexander McCall Smith and Irvine Welsh. The map is the visual, interactive output of the Palimpsest project, created to mine texts such as these. **litlong.org**



Shakespeare's London

Prof. Janelle Jenstad of the University of Victoria is behind the Map of Early Modern London (MoEML), which uses a 1560s woodcut map of London known as the "Agas" map and overlays it with references to people, places, topics and terms to provide a virtual visit of Shakespeare-era London. The Atlantic's CityLab featured the map this week.

mapoflondon.uvic.ca/dev/agas.htm



The France of Hugo and Flaubert

You may need to brush up on your French for this one, but Cartographie littéraire de la France by the Strasbourg bookstore Ivres de Livres covers the rich literary past of not just Paris but of the country as a whole. Follow Victor Hugo (pictured) and Émile Zola through the streets of Paris, or see Normandy as Flaubert depicted it in *Madame Bovary*.

cartographie-litteraire.net



San Francisco, city of Beats

The San Francisco Chronicle has created The Literary City, with references from *The Kite Runner*, *The Joy Luck Club* (by Amy Tan, pictured), *The Maltese Falcon* and *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* all matched to their location in the city, and a number of key Beat hangouts all given their due.

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TRAVEL TIPS

River cruise woos young and old alike with full itineraries



ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

A recent trip on the inaugural cruise of the Avalon Tranquility II has been an Ivy League crash course in one of the fastest-growing trends in the travel industry, river cruising.

Based on my abbreviated four-day itinerary from the stunning castle-land of Germany's Rhine River gorge through to Basel, Switzerland, I offer this quick tutorial on River Cruising 101.

River ships are not a floating senior citizens' home. Longer itineraries will likely have more retirees on board due to the time commitment, but that doesn't mean it's not a great experience for younger folks. Once you factor in the cost of doing a similar trip on your own, accommodation, meals (including wine with dinner), excursions, entertainment and transportation, the value proposition is excellent.

It has been a welcome surprise that many of the excursions are not geared toward



A stateroom on the Avalon Tranquility II. PETER REMUS/FOR METRO

the sedentary set. Pack your walking shoes and be prepared to cover some ground.

Size does matter. Due to infrastructure restrictions, such as the height of bridges and size of locks, the ships plying the rivers of Europe will never be larger than 135 metres long, 11.4 metres wide and a hair more than 6 metres high. That translates to an average of 140 people on any given ship.

Benefit of small ship

Those used to large ship cruising can say goodbye to long lines to embark, disembark or simply enjoy a meal. These small ships also provide easy access to the destinations, where you can wander into town from the

dock at your leisure.

Not all river ships are created equal. When booking, ask questions on the benefits and restrictions of your ship. For example, a big selling feature for some companies is the addition of balconies off of the staterooms. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions on ship width, this means ships with balconies have smaller staterooms. I prefer Avalon's panorama suite model, which offers 200 sq. ft. of spacious stateroom minus the balcony.

It's just civilized. Settling into a stateroom, unpacking once, stopping at fairy tale-like villages and sharing stories over dinner with likeminded travellers are all part of the experience.

Canucks trail but stay composed



Goaltender Jonas Hiller celebrates the Flames' Game 1 win as Canucks Daniel Sedin, right, and Henrik Sedin skate past at Rogers Arena on Wednesday night. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

Chance to even series with Flames goes Friday night



Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

The sky didn't fall in Vancouver on Thursday. But whoever coined the phrase must have been able to see into the future and known about the impending plight of the Canucks and their fans at playoff time.

The Canucks had a chance to go up 1-0 in their best-of-seven series with the Calgary Flames, but could only manufacture one goal and then played the final half of the third period on their heels before getting burned for the winning goal with 29.6 seconds remaining against a younger, inexperienced team.

The two teams will meet again Friday in Game 2.

However, there is cause for concern. Criticism hit the airwaves Thursday.

Among the topics was the deployment of Vancouver's best offensive players, the Sedin twins, Daniel and Henrik, and why they played only 16:14 and 17:29, respectively, in such a tight game.

Head coach Willie Desjardins, who has rolled four lines consistently in the regular season, admitted he could've played the Sedins a few more shifts in the final period.

"I think we play our best

when we're fresh. Maybe they should've had a couple more minutes. It probably wouldn't have hurt," said Desjardins.

"At the same time, the Sedins play their best game when they're fresh."

The Canucks had the game's first three power-play chances but were unsuccessful.

"We need more shots and more traffic and after that, I think things will open up," said Daniel Sedin.

Getting shots through to the net proved difficult.

Calgary blocked 20 shot attempts, and when the Canucks did test Jonas Hiller, the Calgary goalie was very good.

During the regular season, only one team blocked more shots than Calgary, not known for great puck-possession numbers.

"It's that time of year. Guys are going to block more shots; we just have to get it through," said Canucks defenceman Yannick Weber.

"Once you move the puck a bit, they have more time to get into the shooting lane. If you take a direct shot ... it's tougher for them to get into the lanes."

+ SITTING OUT

Kevin Bieksa didn't skate Thursday, but Desjardins expects the veteran defenceman to be ready for Game 2.

Skating in place of Bieksa on a pairing with Luca Sbisa was Ryan Stanton.

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Datsyuk shows Bolts how it's done

NHL PLAYOFFS

Magic Man helps Detroit draw first blood in series

Pavel Datsyuk scored twice and Petr Mrazek had 44 saves in his NHL playoff debut to help the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference series Thursday night.

Datsyuk scored on two of the first four shots the Red Wings got against Tampa Bay's Ben Bishop. Luke

GAME 1 In Tampa



Glendening's short-handed goal gave Detroit a 3-1 lead early in the third period.

Mrazek, named Detroit's starter for Game 1 over veteran Jimmy Howard, gave up a short-handed goal to Brian Boyle in the first period and a late goal to Nikita Nesterov that enabled the Lightning to pull within 3-2.

Tampa Bay outshot the Red Wings 46-14, but went 0-for-7 on the power play — failing to even get a shot off on the final opportunity in the closing seconds.

It's a nice start to the playoffs for the Red Wings, who are making their 24th consecutive appearance but haven't advanced beyond the second round since 2009.

For Tampa Bay, it's the second straight season they've dropped their opener in the first round at home. The Lightning also lost Game 2 at home on the way to being swept by Montreal a year ago.

Game 2 of this best-of-seven matchup is Saturday in Tampa.

The Lightning were the league's highest-scoring team while setting franchise records with 50 wins, 108 points and an NHL-best 32 victories at home. They won three of four against the Red Wings during the regular season, scoring five goals on 15 shots against Mrazek in a home victory on Jan. 29 but losing 4-0 when they faced the young goalie again in Detroit on March 28.

Datsyuk's 40th career playoff goal came on Detroit's first shot of the game.

Datsyuk scored again just eight seconds into the second period. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Darren Helm of the Red Wings floors the Lightning's Steven Stamkos in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series on Thursday night in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

+ SEEING RED

The Lightning's only shut-out loss of the season came at the hands of Petr Mrazek and the Red Wings on March 28.

+ LEAGUE NOTES

Rangers silence Penguins' top guns

Derick Brassard and Ryan McDonagh scored in the first period and Henrik Lundqvist made the goals stand up as the New York Rangers won the opener of their playoff series with the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 Thursday night.

New York shut down Pitts-

burgh's top threats, Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, for a fourth straight victory over the Penguins in the post-season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stone questionable for remainder of series

Scoring leader Mark Stone's health is "very questionable" for the rest of the first round.

General manager Bryan Murray said Thursday that Stone suffered a microfracture of his right wrist and some ligament damage from a slash by the Montreal Canadiens' P.K. Subban in the series opener.

Some reports said the league decided further discipline against Subban wasn't needed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the fettuccine and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until just tender. Add asparagus during last 2 minutes. Drain and place in a large serving bowl. Cover to keep warm.

2. Meanwhile, in a saucepan off the heat, combine the stock, evaporated milk, mustard, pepper and garlic. Slowly whisk in the flour until smooth. Place the saucepan over medium heat and bring to a slight boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, whisking constantly for 4 to 5 minutes or until slightly thickened. Remove from the heat and whisk in the cream cheese and 4 Tbsp of the Parmesan cheese, whisking just until the cheese is melted.

3. Pour over pasta, add salmon, dill and remaining 2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese.

Ingredients

Serves 4
• 1/2 lb fettuccine
• 8 thin asparagus stalks, trimmed and cut into small pieces
• 1 cup cold chicken (or



vegetable) stock
• 3/4 cup canned evaporated milk (2%)
• 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
• 1/2 tsp pepper
• 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
• 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
• 1/4 cup light cream cheese (about 2 oz)
• 6 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese, divided
• 2 oz sliced smoked salmon
• 2 Tbsp chopped dill

Nutritional information per serving

• Calories 375
• Protein 20 g
• Carbohydrates 55 g
• Fibre 2.9 g
• Total fat 7 g
• Saturated fat 3.4 g
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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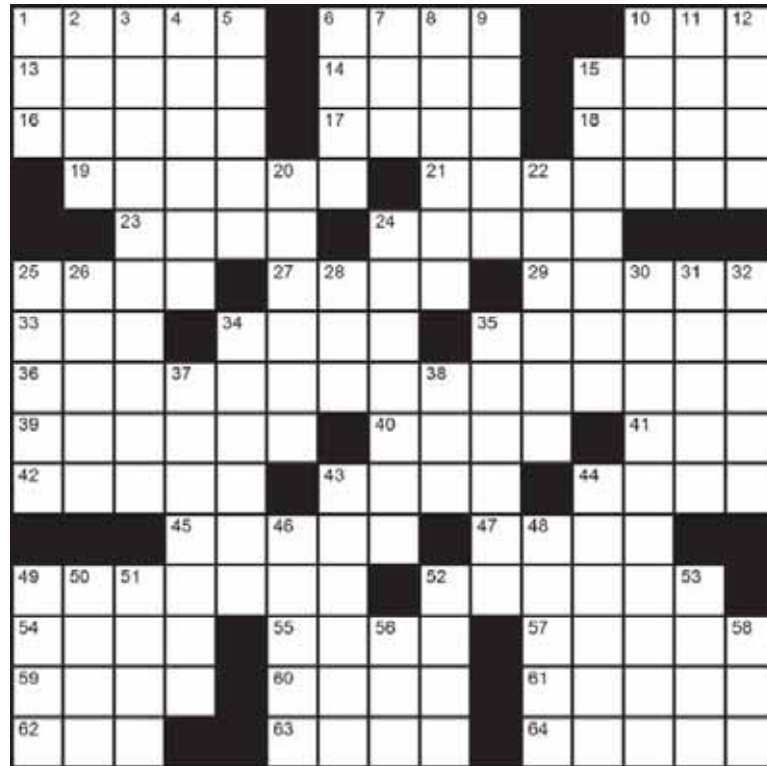
1. Fretful feeling
6. Barbera d'___ (Wine of Piedmont, Italy)
10. Progressive Insurance commercials employee's name
13. Singer Ms. Jones
14. Boyfriend
15. Gather
16. Debonair
17. Respiratory organ
18. Whale movie
19. Scornful
21. City in the North Cariboo area of BC
23. Grim
24. "The Brothers McMullen" (1995) star Edward
25. Falling out
27. Gin flavouring
29. Homemade salad dressing ingredient
33. Antacid brand
34. "The Secret of ___ Inish" (1994)
35. Ground corn food staple
36. Now on stage at the Canadian Opera Company, The ___ (More at #15-Down!)

39. Like a broken promise

40. King Eurystus' daughter whose hand in marriage was offered as an archery prize

41. Pot's top

42. Electrical pioneer Nikola



43. About: 2 wds.

44. Reuben breads

45. City in northern France

47. Tart

49. Capital of Iraq

52. The Skipper's vessel, with S.S.

54. Bread spread

55. Shield's cen-

tre knob

57. Painter Mr. Degas

59. Rush, office-style

60. Bug killer brand

61. Ms. Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"

62. Hill kind

63. Baie-Sainte-___

NB

64. The Red ___ (RCMP dress uniform)

DOWN

1. Li'l reply

2. French pronoun

3. Largest city in BC's Boundary Country; 2 wds.

4. "Oh, puh-leeze.":

2 wds.

5. TLC's "Untold Stories of ___"

6. With competence

7. Romanian currency

8. Chequing account place, in Quebec

9. Prognosticate

10. Common plant

11. Dainty fabric
12. Ring stone
15. Composer of the opera buffa at #36-Across
20. Luxurious locale
22. Salad ingredient
24. Built blaze
25. Counter, as a debater
26. Absurd
28. Philosopher, ___-tzu
30. Pirate ship flag: 2 wds.
31. Slapstick comic Mr. Hardy, to fans
32. Requires
34. Covered the debt
35. USA: Congresswoman, Nancy ___
37. Hotel lobby worker
38. HELP!
43. Neil Young song that goes: "I'm a lot like you were.": 2 wds.
44. ___ Park, in Edmonton
46. Ms. Dern of "Wild" (2014)
48. Three Dog Night song bit: "___ the loneliest number..."
49. Ship
50. Too
51. Equipment
52. Fashion
53. Vera of wedding gowns
56. Trash-putting locale
58. Des'___, British R&B singer

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

You have no intention of giving in just because someone in a position of power is on your case. Anyone who thinks you will just roll over and play dead today will learn the hard way that you can bite as well as bark.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

A few days from now the Sun will move into your birth sign and a new solar year will begin. Conserve your energy today and over the weekend - because you are going to need it very soon.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

Someone you meet while on the move will be fun but are they trustworthy? The planets warn that you must not let your guard down because if you give away a secret about yourself today it won't be long before everyone knows about it.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

People come to you with their problems all the time, which is nice in a way, but unless you want the entire day to be taken up listening to sob stories you will need to draw a line.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Push any problems you have on the work front to one side and promise yourself that you will deal with them next week. The Sun's change of signs on Monday will sweep them all away and you won't actually have to do anything yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Life may not be a bundle of fun at the moment but don't worry about it. The Sun moves in your favour in a few days time and once it does the smile will return to your face.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Have a good time today. Go out and enjoy yourself. But watch how much you spend and watch who you spend it on, because some of your so-called friends will bleed you dry if you let them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Time spent planning is rarely time wasted, so find room in your busy schedule to look ahead and plan what you are going to be doing when the Sun moves into your opposite sign next week. Make it something you can do with other people.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Look for a compromise solution to a dispute. Yes, you may honestly believe that you are blameless and that the other party should admit that fact and make concessions but it isn't going to happen.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't let anyone tell you that certain things cannot be done. What seems difficult, maybe even impossible, at this moment in time will become much easier when the Sun changes signs on Monday.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

No matter how settled and secure you feel at the moment something will shake you up a bit over the next few days and that's good. It was never your destiny to take the easy or the quiet route through life.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Let someone you respect and admire know how much they mean to you. You have benefited a lot from their advice and assistance in recent weeks and it is only right that you acknowledge that fact.

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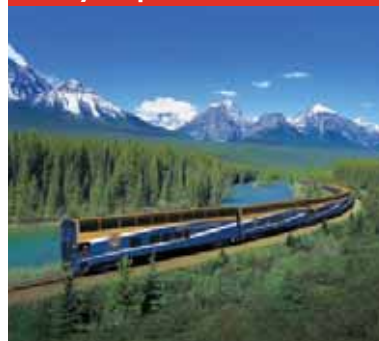
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